SMUGGLING OF VINTAGE CARS

1504. SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN :

SHRI MAHESH KUMAR KANODIA :

SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the press report captioned "Vintage Car sold despite Indian plea" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated July 12, 1991 that rare and precious Vintage cars like 1912 Brooks Swan belonging to Nabha Palace are being smuggled out and put up for auction abroad; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In this connection, four persons including one foreign national, who are involved in the case, have been detained under COFEPOSA.

CALICUT BYE-PASS

1505. SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the dates on which administrative and other sanctions were accorded to Calicut bye-pass on National Highway No. 17;

(b) in how many phases, the work is proposed to be completed;

(c) the amount allotted for different phases of the project; and

(d) the progress made so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : (a) to (c) Calicut bye-pass (about 28 km long) on NH-17 is proposed to be taken up in four phases. The dates of sanction of land acquisition estimates are as under :—

	Sanctioned cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Date of sanction
Phase I	102.78	20.10-86
Phase II	818.09	21-3-91
Phase III } Phase IV }	419.86	8-2-90

(d) Construction of phase I of the byenass (length 7.25 km) is included in the Annual Plan for sanction at a cost of Rs. 1140 lakhs. In the other three phases, land acquisition is still in progress.

TELLICHERRY-MAHE BYE-PASS

1506. SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the dates on which administrative and other sanctions were accorded to Tellicherry-Mahe bye-pass;

(b) in how many phases, the work is proposed to be completed;

(c) the amount allotted for different phases of the project; and

(d) the progress made so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Tellicherry-Mahe by-pass (18 km long) on NH 17 is proposed to be taken up in two phases after land has been acquired. Land Acquisition Estimate for Phase I (8 km) in Kerala amounting to Rs. 425.89 lacs was sanctioned on 30th March 1990 and land is being acquired by the State Govt. In Phase II (10 km) about 2 kms pass through Pondicherry. Modified estimates for land acquisition for Phase II are awaited from Pondicherry

and Kerala. Allotment of funds in the current year could be made only after the Demand for Grants is passed by the Parliament.

[Translation]

OPENING OF BRANCHES OF URBAN CO-OPERATIVE BANKS IN MAHARASHTRA

1507. SHRI PANDURANG PUNDLIK FUNDKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by the Reserve Bank of India for opening new branches of Urban Co-operative Banks;

(b) the number of applications pending with the Reserve Bank of India for opening branches of Urban Co-operative Banks in Maharashtra;

(c) whether there is any proposal to open some branches of such banks during 1991-92 in Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details in this regard, district-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has finalised the policy for opening of Urban Co-operative Banks during the three year period 1991-92 to 1993-94, the RBI has since issued a circular to all Urban Co-operative Banks on 22nd of February 1991 inviting proposals for opening branches for the above mentioned period. To be eligible for opening a branch, the bank should fulfil the following conditions:—

(i) It should be licenced under Section 22 of Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and should continue to comply with the various statutory requirements such as Section 11, 18, 22(3) and 24 of the said Act.

(ii) The bank should be viable as per RBI norms and should have deployed not less than 60 per cent of its credit to priority sector as per guidelines issued by RBI.

(iii) Its overdues should not exceed 15 per cent of its outstanding loans and advances.

(iv) It should have submitted satisfactory compliance in respect of violation of RBI directive/deficiencies pointed out in the statutory inspection report.

(v) Performance of bank's existing branches should be satisfactory.

(b) to (e) The last date for submission of proposals for opening branches was 30th April 1991. RBI has received 281 proposals from Urban Banks for opening branches in Maharashtra, the district-wise details of which are given below in the statement.

Since the plan is for a duration of three years i.e., from 1991-92 to 1993-94, the proposals have been received for the entire plan period and hence there is no question of allotment of branches only for 1991-92.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of banks
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Ahmednagar	10
2.	Amravati	3
3.	Aurangabad	3
4.	Akola	4
5.	Beed	3